

RIXEY IS REBUKED BY SENATOR HALE

Admiral Brownson Praised
by Maine Statesman.

EULOGIZES HIS ACTION

Display of Courage and Inde-
pendence in Resigning.

Before Controversy Arose, Senator
Says, He Had Prepared Bill for In-
troduction "Giving to Staff Posi-
tive Rank and Titular Recognition
Everywhere in Service"—Subver-
sive of Order and Discipline.

A sharp rebuff from an unexpected
quarter yesterday was given Admiral
Rixey, the President's family physician
and victor in the recent navy bureau
quarrels.

Senator Hale, of Maine, chairman of
Naval Affairs, and the most influential
man at the Capitol on navy legislation,
speaks his mind and champions Admiral
Brownson.

In an authorized interview, given when
a request for his opinion of the contro-
versy was asked, the Senator praises in
high terms the attitude Admiral Brown-
son has assumed.

Although in a marked degree the
friend of navy staff officers, Mr. Hale
says: "It would be subversive of order
and discipline for a surgeon or paymas-
ter or chaplain to be in command of a
naval vessel, manned by a crew of naval
seamen."

He eulogizes "the courage and inde-
pendence shown by Admiral Brownson
in immediately tendering his resigna-
tion."

Will Ask for the Facts.

It is believed that both branches of
Congress will ask for the facts about the
controversy and for such of the corre-
spondence as has not been made public.
The line and the staff had made a very
thorough preparation of the case before
President Roosevelt decided in Admiral
Rixey's favor. The law and precedents
were carefully studied, and statements of
the practice in the army were compiled
after careful inquiry.

"To begin with," said Senator Hale,
"Admiral Brownson is one of the ablest
and most accomplished officers of the
navy. No one has shown more executive
ability in every situation where he has
been placed than Admiral Brownson.
The controversy that has arisen, and
which resulted in the Admiral's resigna-
tion, raises the old question between
line and staff, and in this case some-
thing more than that."

In all that controversy, thus far, my
sympathies have been with the staff. I
believe that staff officers should receive
positive rank and complete recognition
by title, the same as in the army, where,
so far as I can learn, no harm to the
service has resulted.

Had Prepared a Bill.

"And before this incident I had pre-
pared a bill for introduction in the Sen-
ate, giving to the staff positive rank and
titular recognition everywhere in the
service; but in framing the bill I added
this clause: 'That no such staff officer
should be put in actual command of any
naval vessel.'"

"Notwithstanding the strong presenta-
tion of the case by Surgeon General
Rixey, I do not know of any instance
when a controversy has arisen, and both
sides had been heard, where any other
than a line officer has been put in actual
command of a naval vessel. I do not un-
derstand that before this, staff officers,
insisting that they should receive posi-
tive rank and title, have claimed actual
command. Indeed, one of the objections
made to this by the line has always been
that the granting to the staff such rank
and title would be followed by a further
claim for actual command. I think this
has generally been repudiated by the
old staff officers, and I certainly have
always taken that position."

Addresses the Courage.

"I believe it would be subversive of
order and discipline for a surgeon, or
paymaster, or chaplain to be in command
of a naval vessel, manned by a crew of
naval seamen."

"There is something refreshing about
the courage and independence shown by
Admiral Brownson in immediately tend-
ering his resignation when he was over-
ruled in his views of the law and of the
policy in his bureau, which he deemed for
the essential good of the navy."

"He is not made of the stuff that, when
overruled, submits a feeble protest, and
pockets the humiliation of continuing in
a rebuked and discredited service."

"I venture to say," concluded Senator
Hale, "that he will lose nothing with his
associates, or with the country, by his
self-respecting course. I am not, in say-
ing this, speaking for him, for I have
seen neither him nor any of his friends
since his resignation. What I say has
its root in an official connection with
the navy for nearly forty years, in both
branches of Congress."

Praises the Physicians.

Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—The medical side
of the navy controversy has received the
commendation of the legislative commit-
tee of the American Medical Association.
Dr. Charles A. L. Reed, chairman of the
committee, to-day sent the following
telegram to Surgeon General P. M. Rixey,
at Washington:

"Your demand and the President's or-
der giving the Medical Corps of the navy
actual control where it has actual re-
sponsibility, command grateful approval
by the 140,000 physicians in the United
States."

FORMAL ORDER IS ISSUED.

Brownson Relieved of All Duties in
Navy Department.

The formal order, detaching Admiral
Brownson from duty as chief of the Bu-
reau of Navigation, was issued at the
Navy Department yesterday. An unex-
pected rebuff from an unexpected quarter
yesterday was given Admiral Rixey, the
President's family physician and victor in
the recent navy bureau quarrels.

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Every Other Hour During the Day.
The 7:30 a. m. "Royal Blue" train of
the Baltimore and Ohio reaches New
York, Liberty street, at 12:35 noon, and
2:30 street, 12:45 noon. Parlor and dining
cars.

LOVE-LORN EAGER PATRONS.

New York's Marriage License Bu-
reau Is Kept Busy.

New York, Dec. 27.—The new mar-
riage bureau in the city hall issued five-
teen licenses to-day. James Coluccio, of
144 Sullivan street, and Angelina Petrino,
of 136 Sullivan street, said that they were
married by an alderman a year ago, but
they wanted to be married by a priest
now. They had to get a license just the
same. Incidentally, their case brought
out the fact that if a couple wants both
a civil and religious marriage they will
have to get two licenses and pay \$2.

A negro and his girl wanted to know
if there was any way he could get out
of paying the dollar.

"Yes," said City Clerk Scully, "get mar-
ried before January 1."

"Come on," said the negro, to his in-
tended, "we'll put dat wedding ahead a week."

POLICE FORCE AROUSED.

Twenty-one Chicagoans Disappear
in a Single Day.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The disappearance
of twenty-one Chicagoans from their homes
within the last twenty-four hours has
stirred the entire police department to
strenuous activity, and detectives from
every police station have been detailed to
find the missing persons.

"Many persons leave home after the
Christmas holidays for some unaccount-
able reason," said Capt. P. D. O'Brien,
commanding the detective bureau. "Some
are dependent, others are dissatisfied,
and many remain away from home on
account of a too strenuous holiday cele-
bration."

EDITORS' ROW GOES TO COURT.

Ex-Senator Patterson Accuses Den-
ver Collegue of Assault.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 27.—Fred D. Bonfils,
of the Denver Post, was arrested to-day
on a warrant sworn out by Thomas M.
Patterson, former United States Senator,
and principal owner of the Rocky Moun-
tain News and Denver Times, charging
him with assault and battery.

Bonfils was taken before Justice Thom-
as Carlson. He gave bond for his appear-
ance for trial. The assault was commit-
ted yesterday, and grew out of an at-
tack on Bonfils in Patterson's paper.

In a card published in the Post to-day
Bonfils says he will call Patterson to ac-
count every time they meet if similar
publications continue.

QUAKE IN MISSISSIPPI.

Two Shocks Startle Residents,
Though No Damage Is Done.

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 27.—Two sharp and
distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at
all points along the Mississippi coast this
morning between Scanton and Bay St.
Louis. The first shock startled the people,
but it created no special alarm until the
second disturbance occurred, a few min-
utes later.

Buildings rocked and swayed, causing
many people to flee into the open air. No
damage is reported at any point along
the coast. Local scientists attribute the
shocks to the sliding of deposits of silt
in the Gulf of Mexico from the mouth of
the Mississippi River.

MRS. REYBURN IN ORCHESTRA

Philadelphia Mayor's Wife Has No
Box for Concert.

Continues to Wage Social War and
Compares Position to That of
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—So overwhelmed
has she been with social engagements,
telephone messages, and callers since she
opened her campaign to attach social
eminence to the mayor's official position,
that Mrs. John E. Reyburn had not time
to-day to discuss the view taken by Col.
A. J. Drexel of her attitude.

On a former occasion Mrs. Reyburn
stated that as the President of the United
States is accorded social prerogatives,
and, in Washington, Cabinet officers and
their wives take rank after the first lady
of the land, and so on, the social set be-
ing regulated by the official scale, it is
only in keeping with democratic preced-
ent that the mayor should be first in each
city.

She referred to customs abroad, but did
not base her plea for prestige on foreign
social usages, rather on the precedent es-
tablished in Washington, and she com-
pared the mayor's position here to that
of the President's there.

Though she was busy with corre-
spondence and callers to-day, Mrs. Rey-
burn managed to take time to attend the
Philadelphia Orchestra concert in the af-
ternoon, where she occupied an orchestra
chair. None of her friends put their
boxes at her disposal for the matinee
concert.

TRAIN BANDITS CAPTURED.

Passengers on Great Northern Dis-
arm Three Robbers.

Deer River, Minn., Dec. 27.—The Great
Northern passenger train, leaving Superi-
or at 9:10 last night and arriving in
Deer River at 2 a. m., was boarded by
three armed men who proceeded to hold
up the passengers.

Some of the passengers tackled the
robbers, knocked them down, disarmed
them, and turned them over to the sheriff.

Southern's Palm Limited,
Via Southern Railway, to Aiken, Aug-
usta, Charleston, and St. Augustine will
be inaugurated January 6, 1908. Leave
Washington 7:15 p. m. week days. Two
other fast trains 11 a. m. and 9:50 p. m.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25,
Baltimore and Ohio R. R.,
Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains,
both ways, leave except Royal Lim-
ited. City offices, 1417 G st. and 619 Pa.
ave.

Five Hours to New York.
The 9:30 a. m. "Royal Blue" train of
the Baltimore and Ohio reaches New
York, Liberty street, at 12:35 noon, and
2:30 street, 12:45 noon. Parlor and dining
cars.

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All Have Dining Cars.
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All Have Parlor Cars.
The 1:30 p. m. "Royal Blue" train of
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York, Liberty street, at 12:35 noon, and
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cars.

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THE PRESIDENT AT PINE KNOT.



STRUCK BY A TRAIN

Miss Ricketts, of Rockville,
Meets Strange Death.

A MONEY BUREAU EMPLOYEE

Was Home for Holidays and Walked
with Father Toward Railroad Sta-
tion—Later Was Found Dying by
Brakeman of Frederick Train.
Probably Hit by Locomotive.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., Dec. 27.—Miss Besse
Ricketts, an employee of the Bureau of
Engraving and Printing in Washington,
was killed almost instantly here this
evening shortly after 6 o'clock probably
by a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train.

Miss Ricketts who was at her home
here for the holidays, this evening walk-
ed from the family residence with her
father to the railroad station. There the
father and daughter parted, he to go up
town, and she to visit some friends in
an opposite direction.

Just as the Frederick train, due here
shortly after 6 o'clock, was backing in
the siding, the brakeman found the
young lady prostrate near the track, at
the end of a platform, faintly moaning,
and with an ugly scar on her left cheek,
just under the eye.

Small outward injury.

She was carried to the reception-room
of the station. Drs. Edward Anderson
and George C. Lewis were summoned,
but when they arrived the young lady
was dead. An examination by the phy-
sicians showed no outward injury, save
the bruise below the eye. The cheek-
bone was not broken, but the doctors be-
lieve the shock of the blow reached the
brain and caused her death.

The most plausible theory is, that in
the darkness, at the spot where the ac-
cident occurred, the unfortunate young
lady pitched forward, over the end of the
high platform, on which she was walking,
and her head came in contact with the
moving train.

Family's Second Misfortune.

This is the second great misfortune that
the dead girl's father, W. Magruder Ric-
ketts, has suffered from railroad accidents.
Many years ago, while driving across
the railroad track, near where his daugh-
ter was killed to-night, his vehicle was
struck by an express train. His first
wife was instantly killed, Mr. Ricketts
was hurled over a bank fifty feet away,
his horse was killed, and the vehicle
smashed to splinters.

The young lady, who lost her life to-
night, was about twenty years old, and
one of four grown daughters of Mr.
Ricketts. She was a young lady of great
intelligence and lovely traits of char-
acter. The sad occurrence has cast a
gloom over the entire section of the town
in which she lived.

A thorough investigation will be made
to ascertain, if possible, the manner in
which she was killed.

Davis to Speak for Bryan.

New York, Dec. 27.—It was announced
to-day by Harry Walker, leading spokes-
man for William J. Bryan, in this city,
that Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, has
consented to be the chief talker at the
meeting of the New York Progressive
Democratic League, at Cooper Union, on
January 16.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return

Every Saturday and Sunday via Penn-
sylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning
until Sunday night. All regular trains
except "Congressional Limited."

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cars.

WILL INVESTIGATE PEONAGE.

The Austro-Hungarian Ambassador
Sends Envoy to Louisiana.

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—The Austro-
Hungarian Ambassador at Washington,
Baron Hengelmüller, has sent Dr. Robert
Fletscher, vice consul at New York,
here to investigate the immigration situ-
ation in Louisiana. He will send to his
government a report on what his repre-
sentative discovers.

Dr. Fletscher will go to Avery's island,
where he will investigate charges made
by certain Austrians that they were
forcibly delivered on the McIlhenny plan-
tation there and made to work against
their will.

YOUTH A CLEVER SWINDLER

Posed as the Son of Noted Swiss
Educator.

Gained Access to New York Clubs,
Whose Members He Robbed.
Now in the Tolls.

New York, Dec. 27.—The police arrested
and locked up at police headquarters to-
night one of the cleverest swindlers that
has operated in the city for some time,
they say.

Chancellor McCracken, of New York
University, was prevailed upon to give
the man a card on the strength of
knowing his brother, introducing him
into the Students' Club, and thus making
his work easy for him. The young man
had told the chancellor that he was in
financial straits.

The prisoner is Werner Thull, nineteen
years old, and is said to be the son of the
president of University of Zurich, at Zu-
rich, Switzerland. Thull was graduated
from Oxford, England, last year, and
came to this country on December 2 last.

Chancellor McCracken gave Thull a let-
ter to Thomas Robbins, who lives at the
Students' Club, at 23 West Fifty-sixth
street, and said he would pay for any ex-
penses incurred through caring for him
until he got in better physical shape.

Thull went to the club on the night of
the 21st, and was made welcome as a
friend of the chancellors. He remained
there until December 23, when he was
seen to come in with a new suit case.
Apparently he went direct to the room of
Mr. Robbins, and there took a new fur
overcoat, valued at \$300, and a diamond
set pin, valued at \$50, and disappeared
from the club.

The Students' Club at once notified
Chancellor McCracken, and he in turn
called in the aid of the detective bureau.
Detectives found that the Swiss Benevo-
lent Society in this city was very anxious
to find the young man, as he had been
swindling members of that society in the
name of his father.

A detective called upon H. H. Bern-
chan, who is a banker at 18 Exchange
place and also the Swiss consul in this
city. When the detective mentioned
Thull's name the consul became greatly
excited, and said that no one was more
anxious to see him than he was.

According to the story told by the con-
sul young Thull had forged the name of
the consul in a letter to his father in
Zurich, in which the consul said that he
was financially embarrassed and was in
need of aid, and asked President Thull to
lend him some money. The police say
that they have also unearthed several
other queer transactions of the young
man of a similar character.

At police headquarters Thull refused
to say anything at all concerning himself,
but he had in his possession two pawn
tickets for the overcoat and the stickpin.

The "Famous Royal Limited."

The 2:30 p. m. "Royal Blue" train of
the Baltimore and Ohio is the "Royal
Limited," reaching New York in FIVE
HOURS, Liberty street 8:30 p. m., and
2:30 street 8:40 p. m. Parlor and dining
cars. All Fallmen.

The 4:30 p. m. "Royal Blue" train of
the Baltimore and Ohio is the "Royal
Limited," reaching New York in FIVE
HOURS, Liberty street 8:30 p. m., and
2:30 street 8:40 p. m. Parlor and dining
cars. All Fallmen.

The 6:30 p. m. "Royal Blue" train of
the Baltimore and Ohio is the "Royal
Limited," reaching New York in FIVE
HOURS, Liberty street 8:30 p. m., and
2:30 street 8:40 p. m. Parlor and dining
cars. All Fallmen.

The 8:30 p. m. "Royal Blue" train of
the Baltimore and Ohio is the "Royal
Limited," reaching New York in FIVE
HOURS, Liberty street 8:30 p. m., and
2:30 street 8:40 p. m. Parlor and dining
cars. All Fallmen.

The 10:30 p. m. "Royal Blue" train of
the Baltimore and Ohio is the "Royal
Limited," reaching New York in FIVE
HOURS, Liberty street 8:30 p. m., and
2:30 street 8:40 p. m. Parlor and dining
cars. All Fallmen.

The 12:30 a. m. "Royal Blue" train of
the Baltimore and Ohio is the "Royal
Limited," reaching New York in FIVE
HOURS, Liberty street 8:30 p. m., and
2:30 street 8:40 p. m. Parlor and dining
cars. All Fallmen.

ROOT GETS OLD HOME.

Secretary Buys Brother's Property.
May Give It to Son.

Utica, Dec. 27.—There was filed in the
county clerk's office this afternoon a
deed from Anna D. Root transferring to
Elihu Root, Secretary of State, the prop-
erty on College Hill, Clinton, known as
"The Hemlocks." The purchase price is
given as \$10,000. "The Hemlocks" is the
old Root homestead, and was willed to
Mrs. Root by her husband, the late Oren
Root, brother of Elihu Root. It is one
of the most beautiful homesteads in Cen-
tral New York, and has long been in
possession of the Root family. It is
understood that Secretary Root will be-
stow the property on his son, Elihu, Jr.,
who recently married Miss Alida Stry-
der, daughter of President Stryder, of
Hamilton College, and that the young
couple will occupy it as a summer resi-
dence.

GALE RAGES OFF BRITAIN.

Many Wrecks Reported, and Lucania
Is Unable to Dock.

London, Dec. 27.—An easterly gale has
been prevailing for the last eighty hours,
and as yet shows no sign of abatement.
Terrible seas are running along the Brit-
ish and Irish coasts. Many wrecks have
been reported.

The Cunard line steamer Lucania, from
New York, was not able to enter Queens-
town, and proceeded for Liverpool with
all her passengers and mails.

WOMAN SHOT WITH FAMILY.

Relatives, Under Arrest, Say She
Herself Fired.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 27.—Miss Kate
Thompson, aged fifty years, was taken
to the hospital here to-night suffering
from a serious pistol wound in the
right side of the neck, near the jugular
vein. Physicians at the hospital say
she will die.

An air of mystery surrounds the
shooting, which occurred at the home
of Miss Thompson in East Antietam
street, where she was entertaining a
number of relatives and friends at a
turkey dinner. Miss Thompson is un-
conscious. Jacob Thompson, a brother,
and his wife, Lewis Thompson, nephew,
and William Doyle, who were in the
house at the time, were arrested and
lodged in jail, pending the outcome of
Miss Thompson's injuries.

The prisoners claim Miss Thompson
shot herself, but the officers say they
have good reason to believe that she
was shot by one of her relatives during
a family quarrel.

WILL EMPLOY 10,000 MEN.

Cleveland Manufacturers About
Ready to Resume Operations.

Cleveland, Dec. 27.—Cleveland man-
ufacturers have under consideration plans
that will mean the resumption of work
for fully 10,000 former employees during
January. Many factories will resume
operations January 6.

The American Shipbuilding Company
expects to take on 5,000 men in two or
three weeks. Hundreds who were laid
off by the steel mills will be taken back
January 6.

CRAPS DISPEL RENT STRIKE

All a "Shine," Says Little Morris,
Throwing His Dice.

And the Modern Joan d'Arc and Her
Band Are But a New
York Hoax.

New York, Dec. 27.—That East Side
rent strike is a hoax, or Morris is less
skillful in defining economic conditions
in his neighborhood than he is at play-
ing craps. As to his skill at cards, well,
that creeps into this story, so let it come
in its proper place.

The very red center of the rent strike,
as given by the strike extras, is the ten-
ement at 216-23 Cherry street, which is a
modern tenement between two stables,
on the west side of the street.

Two bright boys are seen fervently de-
scending into the very midst of the ten-
ement by a steep stairway leading down
from the sidewalk to an underground
alley.